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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and §§1.98, Applicants hereby submit the following documents, which were cited in an International Search Report with respect to International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2005/008531, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage Application. Copies of the International Search Report (in Japanese and English) have been filed concurrently with the present application and should thus have been brought to the attention of the Examiner.

- (1) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2001-157175 A, together with an English language Abstract of the same, and patent family member

European Patent Application Publication No. EP 1 089 199 A2. Applicants note that the Japanese document is also cited on page 1 of the specification of the above-captioned application.

- (2) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2005-92971 A, together with an English language Abstract of the same.
- (3) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 8-256322 A, and patent family member U.S. Patent No. 5,699,472 to UEDA, which issued on December 16, 1997.

The relevance of the above-noted documents, as ascertained by the International Examiner, are set forth in the International Search Report.

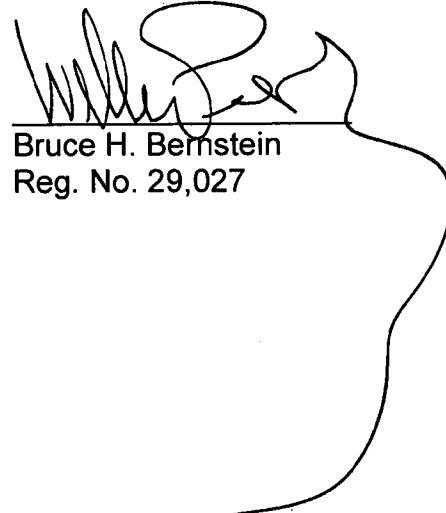
In accordance with a concurrently filed Petition For Accelerated Examination and with M.P.E.P. 708.02 Section VIII (D), copies of the above-noted documents are enclosed herewith.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. The above-noted documents are listed on an attached Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial on the appropriate spaces on the attached Form, and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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